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## COME CELEBRATE SPRING IN UNION CENTER

Spring has sprung in the Township of Union, and the Center is celebrating with their 2nd Annual Spring Eggstravaganza, which will be taking place on April 13 and April 20, 2019. The Eggstravaganza will consist of a scavenger hunt in the Center, Photos with the Easter Bunny and an Easter Paint and Sip.

“Our goal for this Spring Eggstravaganza is to have families come out to celebrate and enjoy a day of fun. Residents will have the opportunity to walk through our Center and discover all the hidden gems that we have right here in town. Last year, we celebrated the first Eggstravaganza and it was a huge hit, we had a packed house and this year we hope to do the same,” said Fatimah Raymond, Union Center SID Director.

The Eggstravaganza will be kicked off with a Scavenger hunt on April 13 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Participants will be able to collect clues by visiting participating merchants, such as Norma's Flowers, DAVA Latin Fusion Restaurant, El Chingon Tex-Mex Restaurant, Blue Ribbon Bakery, and The Gym for Kids. For a complete list of participating businesses, visit UnioncenterSID.com. First, participants must visit our Welcome Station, located at 1000A Stuyvesant Ave. Union, NJ, where the first clue and goodie bags will be given.

Photos with the Easter Bunny will be held on April 13 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and on April 20 from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Here's the Story Book Store located at 1043 Stuyvesant Ave, Union, NJ. The 4 by 6 photos will be available for purchase immediately after for \$5 each. Reservations are not required.

The Paint and Sip Easter Pop up will be held on April 20 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at The Gym for Kids located at 973



*(above) Mayor Michele Delisfort and Committeeman Figueiredo with the winning family at the 2018 Spring Eggstravaganza Scavenger Hunt.*

Stuyvesant Ave, Union, NJ. Children ages 4-12 are welcomed to participate. Each session is \$11 per child and space is limited to 20 children per session. Apple and orange juice, paint supplies and aprons will be provided. Registration is currently open online at UnioncenterSID.com. Participating children will receive from The Gym for Kids either a free annual membership fee for new members (\$35 value) or \$20.00 off one week of summer camp.

For more information regarding the 2nd Annual Spring Eggstravaganza or other upcoming SID events, visit Unioncentersid.com, call the Center office at 908-851-5466, or follow them on social media @UnionCenterSID.

The Union Center Special Improvement District's main function is to revitalize the heart of its Town. They perform supplemental services while implementing, sponsoring, and coordinating marketing and promotional events for the District.

## UNION MUNICIPAL BAND CONCERT MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

The Union Municipal Band, under the direction of Howard Toplansky will present a free concert on Monday evening, April 8, 2019. The concert will be held at Hannah Caldwell School Auditorium, 1120 Commerce Avenue, Union, NJ at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Some of the selections will include: “Dill Pickle Rag,” “Mr.

Sandman,” “Glory of the Yankee Navy,” “Gold and Silver Waltz,” “Nostalgia For the Homeland,” highlights from “Gigi,” and many other fine musical classics.

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## UNION FIREFIGHTERS TAKE HOME 1ST PLACE IN FOOD COMPETITION

On Monday, February 25, 2019, the Township of Union firefighters joined together with 24 other teams of firefighters from around New Jersey to compete in 'The Ultimate Fire Department Cook-off,' part of the Cooked and Uncorked Food and Wine Festival.

Union firefighters' presentation of a roasted pig served with rice and coleslaw earned them 1st Place in the "People's Choice" category for the 2nd year in a row.

The Fire Department Cook-off is part of a

culinary extravaganza where participants were able to experience the tastes and flavors of more than 30 of New Jersey's finest restaurants, caterers and dessert shops all in one location. This event, held at The Pines Manor in Edison, NJ, draws more than 1000 people from across New Jersey.

The event benefits the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association and The Burn Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center.



(above) The Union Fire Department team consisting of Michael Davitt, Gunther Guerra, Henry Sisbarro, and Thomas Holder took home 1st Place in the 'People's Choice' category of the 9th Annual Cooked and Uncorked Food and Wine Festival where 25 teams of firefighters competed in the 'The Ultimate Fire Department Cook-off.'

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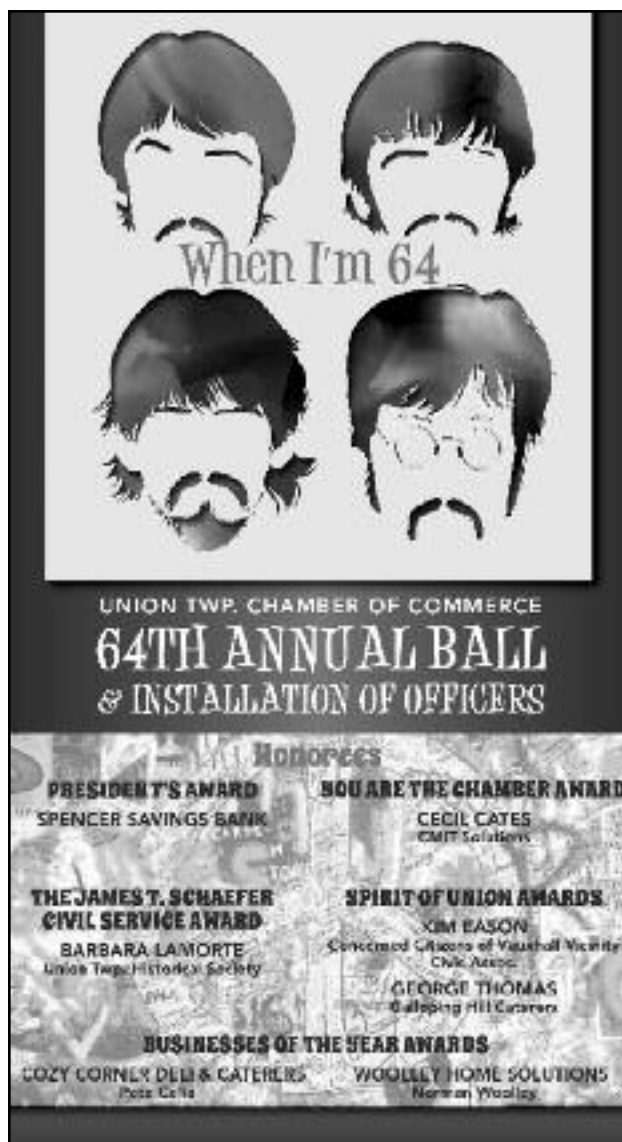
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## UNION TOWNSHIP CHAMBER PLANS 64TH ANNUAL GALA WITH “SIXTIES” FLAIR

“When I’m 64: The Chamber Celebrates the 60’s and the Beatles” is the theme of the Union Township Chamber of Commerce’s 64th Annual Gala, scheduled for Friday evening, April 12, 2019 at the Galloping Hill Caterers in Union. BCB Community Bank of Union has signed on again as the Major Event Sponsor, and Sharon Patel of Patel Printing Plus is Chair of the event.

The event will feature a number of awards to be given to various business and community groups, including: “President’s Award” to Spencer Savings Bank, the “James T. Schaefer Civic Award” to Barbara LaMorte of the Union Township Historical Society, “Spirit of Union Award” to Kim Eason of the Concerned Citizens of Vauxhall Civic Association and to George Thomas of the Galloping Caterers, “You ARE the Chamber Award” to Cecil Cates of CMIT Solutions, and “Business of the Year Awards” to Cozy Corner Deli and Caterers and Woolley Home Solutions of Maplewood/Union.

“This year, the Chamber is traveling back to the sixties in celebration of its 64 years of service to the community,” said Chamber CEO James Masterson. “We are grateful to BCB Bank for their continued generosity as the Event Sponsor;

we also salute all of our honorees for their dedication to the Union business and civic communities.”

In addition, the following individuals will be installed as officers for the coming year: President – Eugene Mitchell, Unity Bank; Senior Vice President – David Armenia, Friends of the Union Library; Immediate Past President – Angel Cartagena, Batteries Plus Bulbs; Vice President of Programming – Sharon Patel, Patel Printing Plus; Vice President, Finance – Julie Dalia, Connect One Bank; Vice President Membership – Joseph Stamp One, Major Printing Company; and Vice President of Economic Development – Laura Breezier, City Fire Equipment Company; and Vice President of Community Relations – Marie Maguire of BCB Bank.

Also being installed are new board members, Ruben Peraza of Magic Fountain, Ron Brangman of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County, Corinne Osborne of Investors Bank and Donna Steinmetz of Spartan Detective Agency.

Masterson added that the Chamber is currently accepting ticket reservations, sponsorships, and door prize donations for the event. To participate, contact him by calling 908-688-2777, or by emailing [executivedirector@unionchamber.com](mailto:executivedirector@unionchamber.com).

## ANNOUNCING: THE CONNIE DWYER BREAST CENTER AT TRINITAS

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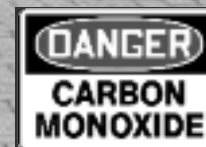
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The Gateway Family YMCA - WISE Center YMCA Branch is celebrating 35 years of serving the local community through their W.I.S.E. Adult Social Day Services Program, located at 2095B Berwyn Street, Union, NJ. The W.I.S.E. (Wellness, Independence and Socialization for our Elders) Adult Day Services Program is a social opportunity designed to help adults maintain their independence and improve their quality of life through activities designed to meet their special needs. Caregivers are provided a necessary respite while their loved ones are cared for in a safe, secure and supportive environment.

"We are humbled by the opportunity to reach the milestone of 35 years of service for the W.I.S.E. Adult Social Day Services program," stated Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "Our YMCA has been serving the local community since 1900, and WISE is one of our unique programs designed to meet the needs of our members, and our community."

The WISE Center YMCA one of five branches



(above) The Gateway Family YMCA's W.I.S.E. adult day services program turns 35.

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in The Gateway Family YMCA association, serving the community in Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County. In addition to the W.I.S.E. Adult Social Day Services program, The Gateway Family YMCA provides Connections, a program designed for those with early stage dementia or mild cognitive impairment, as well as a monthly Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group, Bereavement Support Group and PERSYS, an in-home Personal Emergency Response System through the WISE Center YMCA branch.

"The WISE Center YMCA Branch impacts the lives of people with physical challenges and memory impairment and their caregivers by providing a warm, loving and supportive environment with dedicated staff so that each can live life to the fullest. We are committed to the idea that each person, despite challenges, can continue to discover, learn, create and flourish

and not be defined by limitations," stated Melynda A. Mileski, EVP/COO, The Gateway Family YMCA.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening the foundations of community and stands For Youth Development, For Healthy Living and For Social Responsibility. The Y impacts the community by providing quality services to people of all ages, races, faiths or incomes. The Y is a powerful association of men, women and children of all ages and from all walks of life joined together by a shared passion: to strengthen the foundations of community.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA or the WISE Center YMCA Branch, visit [tgfymca.org](http://tgfymca.org) or contact 908-687-2995.

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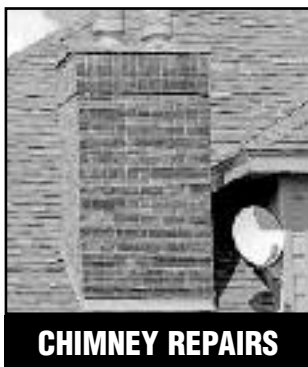




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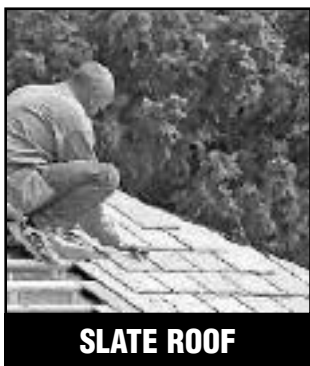
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## FIRE DEPARTMENT BLESSES NEW APPARATUSES

A new ladder truck and engine began serving the Township of Union after the Union Fire Department hosted a ceremony at Fire Headquarters for the official blessing of the apparatuses on Thursday, February 28, 2019.

"We are welcoming today two of our new apparatuses, Ladder One and Engine One," said Union Fire Chief Michael Scanio, as he began the ceremony. "First I need to thank the Township Committee, without them this wouldn't have been possible if safety wasn't at the forefront of their agenda."

These new, customized apparatuses are replacing a 1983 Mach Aerial Scope Tower Ladder and a 1995 Pierce Arrow Pumper. The Union Fire Department maintains a fleet of 6 engines, 3 ladder trucks and 2 Squads.

"This is a historic moment, we see on a regular

basis the amount of fires and work that our men and women firefighters deal with. It's important that we not only have the capacity but the infrastructure and the equipment to deal with those fires," stated Mayor Michele Delisfort. "We will always support our Fire Department in their endeavors."

"Our Engine One and Ladder Truck is a welcome addition to our arsenal of equipment," said Fire Commissioner Manuel Figueiredo, "this upgrade is to help our residents, for whom the fire department works so hard to keep safe."

The blessing of the apparatuses was made by Fire Chaplain Father Chuck.

The apparatuses are soon to be outfitted with equipment, fire hose and radios. Upon completion, training will begin on proper operations.



(above) The Union Fire Department held a ceremony on February 28, 2019, for the official blessing of their new ladder truck and engine.

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## LAUREN BUCHANAN RECEIVES “WOMAN OF THE YEAR” AWARD

*Submitted by Nicole Torella*

Union County College scholar-athlete, Lauren Buchanan, of Union, received the “Woman of the Year” Award at the annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day, held at Seton Hall University on February 4, 2019. As the goalie for the College’s soccer team, her performance on the field strongly contributed to the team qualifying for the 2018 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Women’s Soccer National Tournament where they finished third in the nation. Lauren is an education major who maintains a 4.0 grade point average.

In addition to receiving the “Woman of the Year” Award, Lauren ended the season as the NJCAA Division III top goalie in two categories and was selected for the Scholar All-America Second Team by the United Soccer Coaches Association for her accomplishments in the classroom and on the field. While maintaining her perfect grade point average, she started in all 18 games of the season. To be named to the Scholar All-America team, a student-athlete must be a sophomore, maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average, and start in more than 50% of the games.

“Lauren is a bright young woman who is committed to her studies and to the team. Her hard work paid off both on and off the field,” stated Head Coach Angie Correia. “She is an excellent example of the success you can have if you are determined and dedicated to chasing your dreams.”

For more information about Athletics at Union, go to [unionowls.com](http://unionowls.com).



(above) Union County College scholar-athlete, Lauren Buchanan, of Union, received the “Woman of the Year” Award at the annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day.  
*Photo by Union County College*

## STATE CHAMPION: FAITHFUL OLUWAKUYIDE

On Saturday, February 23, 2019, Ayokunnumi “Faithful” Oluwakuyide won first place in a very competitive New Jersey State American Legion Oratorical Contest in Trenton, New Jersey. As our state champion, she will now compete in the National Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana in April.

Cheering her on were her family, Union High School principal Althea Bossard, American Legion Commander John Blank, American

Legion- Union High School Co-sponsor teachers Sandra Mangarella and Jon Tummillio, and Union High School History teacher Don Erdman. It was an exciting, nail-biting, heart-stopping event.

Faithful won \$4,000 for being first place at the state competition, and she has the opportunity now to win the \$18,000 national prize.

Union High School is very proud of our state champion, and we wish her all the best in the national contest.



(above) Union High School student Faithful Oluwakuyide won first place in the New Jersey State American Legion Oratorical Contest. She will go on to the national competition this month.

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# OIL PAINTER, UNION NATIVE, MARK SAENGER TO SHOW AT SOUTH AVENUE ARTS

Mark Saenger, a native of Union, will have a gallery showing of his artwork at South Avenue Arts in Garwood, NJ. The public is invited to attend the opening to be held on April 6, 2019 at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibit will hang for two weeks. The show "Light & Atmosphere" is a collection of over twenty-five oil paintings of landscapes. Saenger describes it as "a journey through nature captured on canvas."

South Avenue Arts, located at 221 South Avenue, Garwood NJ, is a creative, cooperative,

community art space. The studio offers art classes for adults, children and teens, and summer art camp. Art in the gallery is available for sale as well as jewelry and other gifts. The unique bar space is available for event rentals, kids birthday painting parties, corporate meetings/team building, and group painting parties.

Hours are: Monday - Thursday 12:00 - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday 12 - 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information visit southavenuearts.com.



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## KEAN U HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE MAY 1

The annual Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) Commemoration at Kean University will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wilkins Theatre for the Performing Arts (1000 Morris Avenue in Union, NJ).

This year's featured speaker will be World War II veteran Robert Max. In 1942, at age 20, Robert "Bob" Max left a comfortable college life at Ohio University to enlist in the U.S. Army. He was one of many American-Jewish soldiers who signed up to help defeat the Nazis. Bob fought in three major battle campaigns across Europe before he was captured during the climactic Battle of the Bulge and forced into slave labor. His recent book, "The Long March Home," tells the story of his ordeal as a slave laborer.

This event is free and open to the public, and is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ and Kean University's Holocaust Resource Center. Educators who attend will receive professional development credits, and sign language interpretation will be provided. For more information and to register, visit [jfedgmw.org/kean](http://jfedgmw.org/kean).



(above) Robert Max, author of "The Long March Home," will be the featured speaker at a May 1, 2019 Holocaust memorial Day commemoration at Kean University.

## UNION TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST AUTHOR ON APRIL 7

The Union Township Historical Society will host Michael Gabriele on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 2 p.m. for a program on his book New Jersey Folk Revival Music – History and Tradition. The event will be held at Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, 888 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union. The presentation will include a short live-music segment and a book-signing. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Refreshments will be served.

The book, published by Arcadia Publishing/The History Press, is a narrative on the evolution, traditions, and history of folk revival music in our state. Beginning with tavern revelers and fiddle players in the 1700's, the story moves to the "Guitar Mania" of the mid-1800's; to monumental recordings made at Victor studios in Camden in the early 1900's; to legendary artists, such as Woody Guthrie, Joan Baez, Pete Seeger, and Bob Dylan; to the achievements of

world-class New Jersey musicians.

The book provides extensive information on the acoustic sounds of the Pine Barrens. Sammy Giberson, the legendary fiddler of the mid-1800's; the Pinehawkers at the 1941 National Folk Festival; the Albert brother's "beloved Homeplace" cabin in the Waretown woods, which served as the inspiration for today's Albert Hall; and the exploits of Merce Ridgway, Jr., are included in the Pine Barrens tales.

Folk revival music is a "living history" that builds on traditions, dating back over 300 years. The book documents New Jersey's vast contributions to the musical genre and examines the effect of folk revival music on local history and culture, as well as how it has changed lives—of the performers and the audience.

For more information on the presentation, please visit the UTHS website, [unionnjhistory.com](http://unionnjhistory.com), or call 908-591-4377.

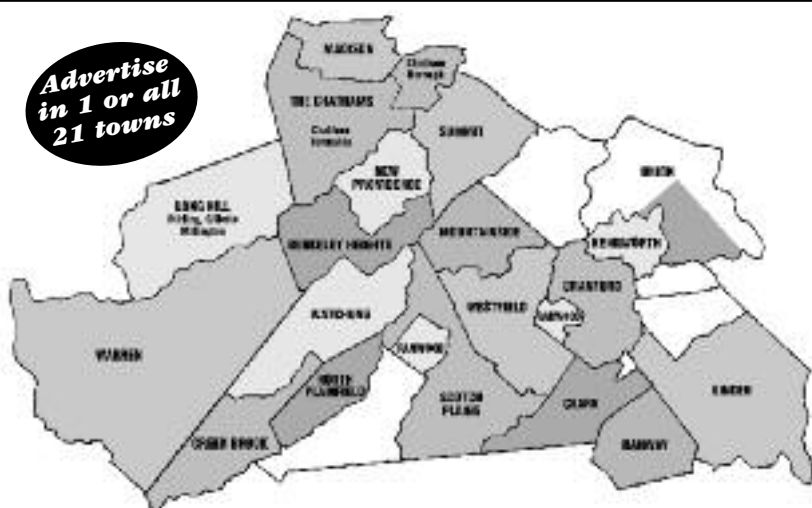
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## UNION MAYOR AND RESIDENTS TO RUN THE LINCOLN TUNNEL

Union invites its residents to join “Team Union” as they participate in the 2019 Lincoln Tunnel Challenge 5K to benefit the New Jersey Special Olympics and the 25,000 athletes that they serve. The race will be taking place on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m.

“This is going to be a great opportunity for the Township and its residents to come together and raise money that will benefit the New Jersey Special Olympics. This is our second time participating in the 5K and last year, we all were able to share this momentous time together. I encourage everyone to participate and join us for

this special event,” said Mayor, Michele Delisfort.

The Lincoln Tunnel Challenge 5K is the most unique race in the country because not only is it underwater, but it spans two states. Participants will begin and end at the toll booths in Weehawken, NJ. There will be a cone turnaround once the participants reach the NYC side of the tunnel.

There is a \$40 registration fee for those who register by April 21 and a \$50 registration fee for those who register after or on the day of the race. To receive the t-shirt and race bib by mail,

participants can pay a \$50 registration fee online.

Registration and check in begins at 6:00 a.m. The first race begins 8:00 a.m. for those who run 30 minutes or under and the second race begins at 8:45 a.m. for runners and walkers over 30 minutes.

To participate and join Team Union, please visit [classy.org/team/215824](http://classy.org/team/215824).

If you have any further questions please visit [Uniontownship.com](http://Uniontownship.com), or call 908-851-5096. To keep up to date with all things the Township of Union follow them on social media @twpunionnj.



(above) “Team Union” will continue the tradition of participating in the Lincoln Tunnel Challenge 5K this year.



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For more information, please contact the Main Library at 908-851-5450 or visit our website at [uplnj.org](http://uplnj.org).

Union Public Library (UPL) has many exciting events planned for adults in April, 2019 at both the Main Library (MN) and Vauxhall Branch (VH). All programs are free and open to the public.

### Small Business Owners:

#### Selling to the Federal Government

Monday, April 1, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Presented by Small Business Association (SBA)  
Topics include: what the government buys, counseling and training, setting asides, registration and certifications processes, and subcontracting business opps, and resources partners and services.

Vauxhall Branch Library

#### Tuesdays@2 Movies

2:00 p.m., April 2

Call 908-851-5450 for movie title. MN Activities Room

#### Money Smart Week:

##### An Investment in Knowledge Pays the Best Interest

Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Presented by the NJ Bureau of Securities  
Money Smart Week is designed to help consumers from all demographics and income levels better manage their personal finances. MN Activities Room

#### Gentle Chair Exercise for Adults

Wednesday, April 3, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

All levels welcome. Instructor Natalia Belyakova is a former professional dancer and has performed all over the world. She teaches dance to both children and adults.

MN Activities Room

#### Perfect Your Elevator Pitch and Public Speaking

Thursday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Presented by Women's Center for Entrepreneurship  
This class is great for business owners, executives or employees really at any level. Anyone who has to speak in front of people would benefit. Registration required.

Vauxhall Branch Library

#### Celebrate Spring: The Jersey Tomato

Saturday, April 6, 2 - 3:00 p.m.

Everyone loves the Jersey tomato! Discover where the tomato originated and why it became one of New Jersey's favorite crops. Learn these things and more in this fascinating lecture by historian and food specialist Judith Krall-Russo! MN Activities Room

#### Grant Writing Workshop

Monday, April 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Presented by Joanne Oppelt, MHA, GPC

Do you want to tap into grant funding? Increase donations through foundation, corporate or government

funders? Do you want to increase your acceptance rate?

This workshop is for grant writers and other development professionals; foundation, corporate and government relationship professionals; and anyone wanting to raise more revenue through proposals.

Registration required.

Vauxhall Branch Library

#### Writer's Support Group

Thursday, April 11, 7 - 8:00 p.m.,

Are you looking for feedback on the book you're working on, trying to overcome writer's block, or determine your personal writing style? Our mission is to encourage, support and promote authorship.

MN Activities Room

#### Tuesdays@2 Movies

2:00 p.m., April 9

Call 908-851-5450 for movie title. MN Activities Room

#### American Creed:

##### Community Film Screening and Discussion

Saturday, April 13, 1 - 4:00 p.m.

This documentary is designed to engage Americans in reflection and dialogue about their own part in the American story and in acting to shape that story for the better. After the screening, tell us your story in a lively discussion for adults and writing exercise for teens.

Registration required; please contact the Adult Services department at the main library to sign up.

MN Activities Room

#### Tuesdays@2 Movies

2:00 p.m., April 16

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#### Leave 'em in Stitches

Tuesday, April 16, 7 - 8:00 p.m.

Calling all beginning, intermediate, and advanced stitchers. Bring your own project(s) and get ready to knit and/or crochet! MN

#### Movie Night: Meet the Filmmaker: Jonathan Weisbrod

Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 - 8:30

An evening of movies and discussion, sponsored by the Friends of the Union Public Library and BCB Bank. Local writer/producer Jonathan Weisbrod will screen his film "Bear With Us", a comedy of errors that takes a close look at just how far we'll go to preserve our relationships. The film will be followed by a Q&A with film producer Jonathan Weisbrod, at Dava Latin Fusion restaurant, 1020 Stuyvesant Ave in Union Center. Registration for the event is required by April 9, 2019 and will be limited to 50 people, 21 and older. Please call 908-851-5450 x2 to sign up. MN Activities Room

#### Gentle Chair Exercise for Adults

Wednesday, April 17, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

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#### Off the Shelf Book Discussion Group

Title: "Manhattan Beach" by Jennifer Egan.

Thursday, April 18, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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MN Activities Room

#### Hilton Readers Book Discussion Group

Title: "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.

Monday, April 22, 6 - 8:00 p.m.

New members always welcome. Books available at Vauxhall Circulation. Bring your dinner, dessert will be provided. Vauxhall Branch Library

#### Earth Day: "Earthforms" Talk

Monday, April 22, 7 - 8:00 p.m.

Fall in love with the natural beauty of the earth. Local author Joel Simpson will speak about his recently published book "Earthforms," and the geological photography featured within it. MN Activities Room

#### International Film

Thursday, April 25, 2:00 p.m.

Call 908-851-5450 for movie title. MN Activities Room  
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#### American Creed: Immigrant State:

##### Jersey's Influential Gate

Thursday, April 25, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

New Jersey has a big story about immigration, packed into a small state! Through the examination of film clips, texts, and media coverage, participants will have a candid discussion about issues that are being examined and debated nationally and in local communities.

MN Activities Room

#### Connect, Explore, Discover

Saturday, April 27, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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Vauxhall Branch Library

#### American Creed:

##### Community Diversity Potluck Celebration

Saturday, April 27, 1 - 4:00 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to bring a dish representing their cultural background. Plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided. Bring food, fun, and a willingness to engage in informal conversation about cultural experiences and shared American values. Facilitated by John Daquino (UPL Head of Adult Services), Bridget Lepore & Voices of Kean (Kean University).

Registration is required. MN Activities Room

#### Connect, Explore & Discover

Monday, April 29, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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Main Branch Activities Room

#### Dinner and a Movie

Monday, April 29, 6:30 p.m.

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Call 908-851-5451 for movie title.

Vauxhall Branch Library

#### Mobile Aging Kiosk

Tuesday, April 30, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Union County's mobile Aging Service Kiosk (ASK) provides residents' families and caregivers, with a convenient, friendly way to find out about services for the aging. (MN)

#### Jersey Job Club: Acing the Job Interview Part 2

Tuesday, April 30, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Presented by Deb Warner, UPL Career Coach

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#### Gentle Chair Exercise for Adults

Wednesday, April 3 and April 17, 10:15 - 11:15 a.m.

All levels welcome. Instructor Natalia Belyakova is a former professional dancer and has performed all over the world. She teaches dance to both children and adults.

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### **Thursdays: Alphabet Soup (Storytime)** *at 4:30 p.m.* 4 - 6 years

Registration required for April 4 and April 11  
Jump into reading with UPL! We explore phonics, letter recognition, and numbers all while reading fun stories, singing songs, and making new friends! The April 4 session will feature a craft following storytime, and the April 11 session will be Stretchy Stories, a yoga and movement-based storytime.

Please note: Alphabet Soup will not be held on April 25, due to Bedtime Storytime later that evening.

### **Fridays: Toddler Tales (Storytime)** *at 10:30 a.m.*

18 months - 3 years | No registration necessary  
Enjoy stories, singing, and movement, following a different theme each week! The April 26 session will focus on music & movement.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

### **Kiddoodlers**

*Thursday April 4 at 3:30 p.m.*

Ages 5 - 12 | Registration required

Stop by after school and join us for a fun art activity: an April showers umbrella craft!

### **Unicorn Family Craft**

*Saturday April 6 at 11:00 a.m.*

Ages 3 and up | Registration required

Celebrate one of our favorite mythical creatures by making a unicorn bookmark!

### **Teen W.H.O. (We Help Others) Club**

*Saturday April 6 at 12:00 p.m.*

Ages 13 and up | Registration required

Interested in making our community a better place and earning community service hours as you do so? Join us each month for a volunteer project! This month, we'll be making seed balls in celebration of Earth Day!

### **Kids' W.H.O. (We Help Others) Club**

*Monday April 8 at 4:30 p.m.*

Ages 5 - 12 | Registration required

Interested in making our community a better place? Join us each month for a volunteer project! This month, we'll be making seed balls in celebration of Earth Day!

### **UPL Volunteers**

*Friday April 12 at 3:30 p.m.*

Ages 13 and up | Registration required

Earn community service hours and help us make the library a better place!

### **Masterpiece Studio: Vincent Van Gogh**

*Saturday April 13 at 11:00 a.m.*

Ages 5 - 12 | Registration required

It's Van Gogh's 166th birthday!

Celebrate the Dutch painter's impressionist style with some swirly tin foil painting!

### **Escape Room: Spring Break Edition**

*Monday April 15 at 6:30 p.m.*

Ages 8 - 12 | Registration required

You should be out enjoying spring break, but someone has locked the door to your classroom!

Can you work together to figure out clues and escape before class is back in session?

### **Kiddoodlers**

*Thursday April 18 at 3:30 p.m.*

Ages 5 - 12 | Registration required

Stop by after school and join us for a fun art activity: name tape painting!

### **Ozobot Stories**

*Thursday April 18 at 5:00 p.m.*

Ages 8 - 12 | Registration required

Our Ozobot buddies are going to help us tell a story!

Learn the basics of coding and use your new skills to tell a great story!

### **Saturday Stories**

*Saturday April 20 at 11:00 a.m.*

All ages | No registration necessary

Spend your Saturday morning listening to some fun stories, singing songs, and more!

### **Kids in the Kitchen**

*Saturday April 20 at 2:00 p.m.*

Ages 6 - 12 | Registration required

Prepare a recipe in advance from our featured cookbook, The Young Chef by Mark Ainsworth, and bring it with you to share with other participants! Copies of this cookbook will be available to borrow at the Children's Room circulation desk.

### **Bedtime Storytime**

*Thursday April 25 at 7:00 p.m.*

All ages | Registration required

Join us for a special bedtime storytime to celebrate the World Penguin Day!

Don't forget to wear your coziest PJs!

### **SciFri (Science Friday)**

*Friday April 26 at 3:30 p.m.*

Ages 8 - 12 | Registration required

It's Bubble Mania at UPL! We'll be conducting a few bubble experiments for this month's SciFri.

### **Homeschool Hangout**

*Tuesday April 30 at 1:00 p.m.*

All ages | Registration required

Meet, learn, and engage with other local homeschooling families through a variety of fun and interactive activities!

### **AV Club**

*Tuesday April 30 at 6:30 p.m.*

Ages 8 - 12 | Registration required

Interested in producing your own music? Join our hands-on workshop and learn how to use a digital audio workstation to compose your own tunes!

## VAUXHALL BRANCH YOUTH PROGRAMS

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### **Tuesdays: Toddler & Pre-K Time at 11:00 a.m.**

Ages 2 - 6 | Registration required

Interactive storytimes, crafts, and more for young children and their parents/guardians.

### **Story & Craft: Rainbows April 2**

### **Interactive Learning Time April 9**

### **Music & Movement April 16**

### **STEM Story & Activity: Earth Day April 23**

### **Interactive Learning Time April 30**

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

### **Club Teen: 'Real Money 101'**

*Wednesday April 3 at 6:00 p.m.*

Ages 14 and up | Registration required

This comprehensive financial literacy program, presented by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA), promotes the building of sound money management skills.

### **Tween Game Time**

*Thursday April 4 at 3:00 p.m.*

Ages 9 - 13 | Registration required

Join us for an afternoon of friendly competition. We're breaking out the Wii U and our collection of boardgames. Feel free to bring your own games too!

### **Homeschool Hangout**

*Thursday April 11 at 11:00 a.m.*

Ages 10 and up | Registration required

Meet, learn, and engage with other local homeschooling families through a variety of fun and interactive activities!

### **Tween After-School Movie**

*Thursday April 11 at 3:00 p.m.*

Ages 9 - 13 | Registration required

Join us for a showing of The Grinch! We'll supply the popcorn. Rated PG, 90 minutes.

### **Club Teen: 'Open Mic Night'**

*Wednesday April 17 at 6:00 p.m.*

Ages 14 and up | Registration required

Teens are invited to Celebrate National Poetry Month by showcasing their talent. Sign up in advance or upon arrival to sing, dance, recite an original piece or one of your favorite poems. We encourage the community to come out and enjoy the performances.

### **Tween STEM Builders Club**

*Thursday April 18 at 3:00 p.m.*

Ages 9 - 13 | Registration required

Play around with Legos and 3-D magnetic tiles to create amazing shapes and structures!

### **Spring Break Family Movie**

*Saturday April 20 at 2:45 p.m.*

All ages | Registration required

Join us for a showing of The Incredibles 2!

We'll supply the popcorn. Rated PG, 118 minutes.

### **Tween 'Make it at Your Library'**

*Thursday April 25 at 3:00 p.m.*

Ages 9 - 13 | Registration required

Make my own bottle cap pin by using stickers, markers, and other supplies to customize your design.

### **Family Game Time**

*Saturday April 27 at 3:00 p.m.*

All ages | No registration required

Come play board & card games in the library! We have classic games, as well as new games, for children of all ages. Bring your friends and family!

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